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PATENT APPLICATION

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed
November 1, 2005, applicants respectfully request
reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of
the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments of the Claims begin on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.